GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to merge various projects to develop all the land under one scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which this will improve the performance of converting wasteland into fertile land?

Answer

MINSTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNA SAHEB M.K.P ATIL)

(a), (b) & (c) The Department of Land Resources (DoLR) is mandated with the development of wastelands/degraded lands through in-situ soil and moisture conservation measures, construction of check dams, raising bio-mass specially fuelwood and fodder etc. rather than to convert wastelands into fertile lands/cultivable lands. Presently the Department is implementing three major Programmes viz. the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DP AP) and the Deser Development Programme (DDP) for development of wastelands/degraded lands on watershed basiswith common Guidelines and common cost norms. Projects under DP AP are implemented in the Blocksidentified under the Programme. Similarly projects under DDP are also implemented in the Blocks identified under the Programme. However, projects under IWDP are generally implemented in the areas other than the Blocks identified under DPAP and DDP.